



Chase Partnership House

- A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- 36-bed shelter for homeless men who are recovering from drug and alcohol abuse and may have a chronic mental illness.
- Contact person: **Agnes Saenz**; Phone: 301-315-1091; Web address: www.cmrocks.org.
- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Albergue de 36 camas para hombres sin hogar que se están recuperando del abuso de sustancia estupefacientes y de alcohol, y que pueden tener enfermedades mentales crónicas.

Dorothy Day Place

- A program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.
- 24-hour, seven-day a week, year-round transitional shelter for 45 homeless women.
- Provides beds, three meals a day, laundry, showers and telephone.
- Contact person: **Uwana Collins**; Phone: 301-762-8314; Web address: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org.

- Programa de las Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Washington.
- Albergue de transición para 45 mujeres sin hogar, abierto durante las 24 horas, los siete días de la semana, todo el año.
- Ofrece camas, tres comidas diarias, lavandería, duchas y teléfono.

Helping Hands Center

- A program of Mount Calvary Baptist Church.
- Provides emergency shelter to approximately 140 homeless women and young children 24 hours a day throughout the year.
- Services include case management, three meals a day, private bedrooms, laundry facilities, workshops on money management, parenting, job preparation and search.
- Contact person: **Ann L. Chapman or Tammy Holland**; Phone: 301-340-2796.

- Ofrece albergue de emergencia para aproximadamente 40 mujeres sin hogar y niños pequeños, durante las 24 horas, todo el año.
- Los servicios incluyen manejo de casos, tres comidas diarias, dormitorios privados, lavandería, talleres de trabajo sobre manejo del dinero, crianza, preparación para el trabajo y búsqueda de trabajo.

Hope Housing

- A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Three Rockville sites provide permanent housing services to 16 formerly homeless men and women with physical and/or mental disabilities.
- Contact person: **Agnes Saenz**; Phone: 301-315-1091; Web address: www.cmrocks.org.

- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.

- Brinda servicios de vivienda permanente a 16 hombres y mujeres con discapacidades físicas o mentales que antes carecían de hogar.

Horizon House

- A program of Community Ministry of Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Five houses provide case management and support to 25 men and women. All have physical and/or mental disabilities and fixed or very low incomes. Our goal is to improve resident income and skills for the highest level of self-sufficiency possible.
- Contact person: **Priscilla Fox-Morrill**; Phone: 301-770-2413; Web address: www.communityministrymc.org.

- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Ofrece manejo de casos y apoyo a 25 hombres y mujeres en cinco casas. Todos tienen discapacidades físicas o mentales, e ingresos fijos o muy bajos.

Jefferson House

- A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Provides permanent supportive housing services for formerly homeless men who have completed a formal addiction treatment program. Offers six men personal living quarters, support services and social and recreational activities.
- Contact person: **Agnes Saenz**; Phone: 301-315-1091; Web address: www.cmrocks.org.

- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Proporciona servicios de ayuda para vivienda permanente a hombres que antes carecían de hogar y que completaron un tratamiento formal de adicción. Ofrece viviendas personales, servicios de apoyo, y actividades sociales y recreativas para seis hombres.

Men's Emergency Shelter

- A program of the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.
- Provides a year-round refuge for men experiencing homelessness.
- In addition to basic amenities such as showers, bunks and dining facilities, case management and other supportive services are provided.
- Contact person: **Darrel Butler**; Phone: 301-545-5025; Web address: www.mcch.net.

- Programa de la Coalición para Personas sin Hogar de Montgomery County.
- Proporciona un hogar seguro para hombres sin hogar durante todo el año.
- Ofrece un ambiente cálido y seguro, ducha y retrete, lavandería, bebidas calientes, bocadillos y una cama.

Montgomery Avenue Women's Center

- Daytime program for homeless women.
- Helps homeless women find jobs and

assists with computer training, relocation assistance and prescription costs.

- Contact person: **Norma Fagan**; Phone: 301-762-2288; Fax: 301-762-6700.

- Programa de día para mujeres sin hogar.
- Ayuda a las mujeres sin hogar a encontrar trabajo y brinda ayuda para capacitarlas en computación, las ayuda a reubicarse y las asiste con el costo de las recetas médicas.

Rainbow Place

- Overnight emergency shelter that provides a warm, safe, caring environment for homeless women during the winter months of November through March.
- Women receive a warm bed, a hot supper, breakfast, a bag lunch, access to showers, laundry facilities and case management.
- Contact person: **Andie Sante**; Phone: 301-762-3363; Web address: www.rainbowplace.org.

- Proporciona un ambiente cálido, seguro y considerado para mujeres sin hogar durante los meses de invierno, de noviembre a marzo.
- Las mujeres reciben una cama caliente, una cena caliente, desayuno, un almuerzo en bolsa, acceso a duchas, lavandería y manejo de casos.

Sophia House

- A program of Community Ministry of Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- A 30-bed emergency shelter and assessment center for homeless women with issues related to mental illness, domestic violence and long-term disabilities.
- Contact person: **Priscilla Fox-Morrill**; Phone: 301-770-2413; Web address: www.communityministrymc.org.

- Programa de los ministros de la Comunidad de Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Albergue de emergencia de 30 camas y centro de evaluación para mujeres sin hogar, con problemas relacionados con enfermedades mentales, violencia doméstica y discapacidades a largo plazo.

Food and Clothing/ Alimentos y Ropa

Stepping Stones Shelter

- Provides safe emergency shelter, food, clothing, case management and supportive services to families for 90 days.
- Services include individual budget and financial counseling, employment and job workshops, computer training, domestic violence education, parenting classes and health education.
- Contact person: **Robin Sparer**; Phone: 301-251-0567; Web address: www.stepingstonesshelter.org.

- Proporciona un albergue seguro de emergencia, comida, ropa, manejo de casos y servicios de apoyo para familias.
- Los servicios incluyen asesoramiento para el presupuesto individual, asesora-

miento financiero, talleres de trabajo de empleo y trabajo, capacitación en computación, educación sobre violencia doméstica, clases de crianza y educación para la salud.

Welcome Homes

- A program of Community Ministry of Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Two houses provide case management and support to 10 elderly women. All have physical and/or mental disabilities and fixed or very low incomes.
- Contact person: **Priscilla Fox-Morrill**; Phone: 301-770-2413; Web address: www.communityministrymc.org.
- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Proporciona asistencia para el manejo de casos y apoyo a 10 mujeres de edad avanzada en dos casas. Todas tienen discapacidades físicas o mentales, e ingresos fijos o muy bajos.

Furniture Exchange

- A program of Community Ministry of Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Provides donated furniture, free of charge, to low-income county residents. Donations and distributions by appointment.
- Contact person: **Sabrina Wilson**; Phone: 301-424-3796; Web address: www.communityministrymc.org.
- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Proporciona a familias de bajos recursos, residentes del condado, con muebles donados, sin ningún cargo. Para recoger o donar artículos, necesita una cita.

Interfaith Clothing Center

- Distributes donated clothes, housewares, school supplies, infant items, toys and children's books to low-income Montgomery County residents.
- Donation hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at 751 Twinbrook Pkwy.
- The Interfaith Clothing Center's work is accomplished by hundreds of volunteers who annually provide more than 10,000 hours of service.
- Contact person: **Sabrina Wilson**; Phone: 301-424-3796; Web address: www.communityministrymc.org.

- Distribuye ropas, utensilios domésticos, suministros escolares, objetos, juguetes y libros infantiles recibidos en donación para los residentes de Montgomery County de ingresos bajos.
- Horas de donación: lunes, miércoles y sábados de 9 a.m. a 2 p.m., en 751 Twinbrook Pkwy.
- El trabajo del centro interconfesional de ropa (ICC) lo realizan centenares de voluntarios que prestan más de 10.000 horas de servicio cada año.

Servicios Comunitarios de Rockville



¡Excelentes Lugares donde Donar su Tiempo, Talento y Dinero, y que Quede en Casa!

Manna Food Center, Inc.

- Distributes food to Rockville residents and to Rockville shelters, pantries and the Lincoln Park Community Center.
- Provides each household with a box of staples and perishables to feed a family for three to four days.
- Provides backpacks of kid-friendly food to children at some Rockville elementary schools so they have food on the weekend when there are no school meals.
- Contact person: **Amy Gabala**; Phone: 301-424-1130; Web address: www.mannafood.org.
- Distribuye alimentos a los residentes de Rockville, y a los albergues y comedores de Rockville, y del Lincoln Park Community Center.
- Proporciona a cada hogar una caja con alimentos básicos y perecederos para dar de comer a una familia por 3 a 4 días.
- Proporciona una mochila de comidas para niños en algunas escuelas elementarias en la ciudad de Rockville para que tengan comida los fines de semana cuando no hay comidas escolares.



Twenty-five years ago — the beginnings of Top Banana.

Top Banana Home Delivered Groceries

- Provides home-delivered grocery services with personalized extra help to people with limited mobility and strength, especially the elderly and disabled.
- Staff and volunteers receive orders by telephone, deliver groceries into the kitchen and even unpack, when needed.
- Contact person: **Jean Guiffre**; Phone: 301-372-FOOD (3663); Web address: www.topbananagroceries.org.
- Proporciona servicios de entrega a domicilio de productos alimenticios con ayuda muy personalizada para personas con movilidad y fuerza limitadas; especialmente, para las personas de edad avanzada y los discapacitados.
- Los empleados y voluntarios reciben las órdenes por teléfono, entregan los productos en la cocina y hasta los desenvuelven cuando es necesario.

Youth & Family Services/Servicios para la Juventud y la Familia

Friends in Action

- A program of Community Ministry of Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.

- Bilingual program that recruits, trains and supports teams of volunteer mentors who commit to working with low-income families for at least one year.
- Case management services are provided by professional staff.
- Contact person: **Monica Barberis-Young**; Phone: 301-315-1103; Web address: www.communityministrymc.org.
- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Montgomery County, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Programa bilingüe que recluta, capacita y ayuda a los equipos de mentores voluntarios que se comprometen a trabajar con familias de ingresos bajos durante por lo menos un año.
- Los servicios de manejo de casos son provistos por personal profesional.

Healthy Families Montgomery

- A program of Family Services Agency, 610 East Diamond Ave., Suite 100, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.
- First-time parents receive home visits, case management, health education, child development and parent education/support groups. All services are available in both English and Spanish.
- Contact person: **Janet Curran**; Phone: 301-840-3231; for Spanish speakers: **Mecky Caballero**; phone: 301-840-3235. Web address: www.familyservicesagency.org.
- Programa del Organismo de Servicios Familiares (Family Services Agency), 610 East Diamond Ave., Suite 100, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.
- Realiza visitas a domicilio a los padres primerizos, ayuda para el manejo de casos, educación para la salud, nociones sobre el desarrollo del niño y grupos de ayuda para la educación de los padres. Todos los servicios están disponibles tanto en inglés como en español.

Elderly and Disabilities Ministries

- A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Provides case management, assistive devices and homemaker service for the elderly by certified aides.
- Offers free repair, maintenance and modifications to the homes of low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Contacts: **Sylvia George**, Director; **Barbara Smith-Brady**, Assistant Director; Phone: 301-315-1096 or 301-762-8682 (ext.116); Web address: www.cmrocks.org.
- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Proporciona ayuda con el manejo de casos, dispositivos de asistencia y servicios de ama de casa con ayudantes certificados para las personas de edad avanzada.
- Ofrece arreglos, mantenimiento y modificaciones de los hogares de las personas mayores y las personas con discapacidades.

Mansfield Kaseman Health Program

- A partnership between Community Ministries of Rockville and Mobile Medical Care.
- Provides community outreach and wraparound case management to uninsured adults with medical needs.
- Schedules appointments for mobile clinic sites in Rockville.
- Services are available in both English and Spanish; additional translation services are available on request.
- Contact person: **Francisco Orantes**, Program Director; Phone: 301-251-0812; Web address: www.cmrocks.org.
- Asociación entre los Ministros de la Comunidad de Rockville y Mobile Medical Care.
- Proporciona extensión comunitaria y resolución de manejo de casos a adultos no asegurados con necesidades médicas.
- Hace las citas para los consultorios móviles de Rockville.
- Los servicios están disponibles tanto en inglés como español; ofrece servicios adicionales de traducción a pedido de los interesados que los soliciten.

Cultural Diversity/Diversidad Cultural

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington, Inc.

- Provides information and referral services, welfare, health and immigration case management services and counseling.
- Provides translation and interpretation services and educational services including English as a Second Language classes, computer classes, civics education, five-week summer school for students K-12.
- Contacts: **Julia Chong-Hui Chang**; Phone: 240-683-6663; Web address: www.kcscgw.org.
- 주해, 의료보조, 재정보조 등의 분야에 대해 한국어로 도움이 필요하신 분들을 위한 한인봉사센터 (전화번호: 240-683-6663)로 연락주시기 바랍니다.

Latino Outreach Program

- A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Provides English as a Second Language classes to hispanic adults and tutoring to children of adult participants.
- While parents attend classes, preschool and school-age children participate in enrichment classes staffed with bilingual instructors. Childcare is provided for children under age 2.
- Contact person: **Cecilia Rojas**; Phone: 301-251-2136; Web address: www.cmrocks.org.
- Programa de los Ministros de la Comunidad de Rockville, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.
- Proporciona clases de inglés como se-

gundo idioma (ESL) a los adultos de origen hispano y tutela a los niños de los participantes adultos.

- Mientras los padres están en clase, los niños de edad preescolar y escolar participan en clases de enriquecimiento dictadas por instructores bilingües. Se proporciona cuidado infantil a los niños menores de 2 años.

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center

- Provides English literacy instruction to newly immigrated adults.
- Three levels of classes include instruction on naturalization, citizenship and intensive pronunciation for elderly immigrants who rarely have the opportunity to speak English in their daily lives.
- Contact person: **Vincent Tang**; Phone: 240-631-1200; Web address: www.ccacc-dc.org.

美京華人活動中心

- 為新移民提供成人英語課程
- 課程以程度分班，包括初級班、中級班、高級班、會話班及申請公民英語輔導班。這項課程為平常沒有機會運用英語的老年移民提供會話練習。

Emergency Funds/Fondos de Emergencia

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)

- Provides financial assistance to residents faced with an emergency relative to shelter, utilities and medical prescriptions, including assistance with obtaining IDs and job-related transportation.
- To be eligible for assistance, persons must have resided within the corporate City limits of Rockville for at least six months and provide documentation of their emergency.
- Contributions to REAP can be made directly through a designation on City water bills.
- Contact person: **Monica Mendoza**; Phone: 301-762-8682 (ext. 106); Web address: www.cmrocks.org.
- Proporciona asistencia financiera a los residentes que enfrentan una emergencia relacionada con el albergue, las utilidades y las recetas médicas. También brinda asistencia para conseguir el documento de identificación (ID) y transporte para ir a trabajar.
- Para reunir los requisitos para la asistencia, las personas deben haber residido dentro de los límites corporativos de la ciudad Rockville durante por lo menos seis meses y presentar documentación sobre su emergencia.
- Las contribuciones para REAP se pueden hacer directamente mediante una designación en las facturas de agua de la Ciudad.

Rockville FISH/HELP

- All-volunteer organization serving residents of the City of Rockville.
- Provides emergency financial assistance for prescriptions, housing, utilities and food.
- Contact person: **Nell Hubbard**; Phone: 301-564-0800.
- Proporciona asistencia financiera de emergencia para recetas médicas, vivienda, utilidades y alimentos.

— Translation by Victoria Imas Duchovny

Rockville Fights Hunger with 'Smart Sacks'

Innovative Program Provides Children in Need with Food for the Weekend

Schools in Montgomery County deal with childhood hunger every day. They battle this hidden epidemic with subsidized meal programs for lunch, and even breakfast. Sometimes these meals are the most a child will have to eat all day.

But what happens when these same children leave school for the weekend?

At a recent meeting of the Human Services Advisory Commission of Rockville, Amy Gabala, executive director of the Manna Food Center, told the group that one out of every four children in Montgomery County Public Schools is at risk of hunger. A typical example is a young couple with both husband and wife employed having a combined income of \$40,000 annually. Their rent is \$1,200 monthly. With bills such as medical insurance and a car payment, they have approximately \$100 to spend on food – for the month.

That's where Manna steps in.

Smart Sacks is Manna's innovative program to address childhood hunger.



'Smart Sacks' headed home for the weekend.

Each Friday, Smart Sacks provides hungry elementary school students in Montgomery County with 10-12 nutritious and kid-friendly foods for the weekend in

backpacks handed to them at their local school. On Monday the backpacks are returned and refilled for the following weekend. Corporations partner with a school to provide the volunteer labor to fill and deliver the backpacks each week. Children needing this program are identified by school counselors.

At this time, Maryvale Elementary School is the only school in Rockville participating in the program. It is sponsored by EU Services on North Horners Lane. Program Coordinators Antony Adams and Toula Candanedo from the City of Rockville said that the program has taken off in its first year, serving 17 students in its first month with hopes of reaching many more in the future.

According to Gabala, Manna hopes to eventually reach out to every school in Montgomery County.

For more information on the program, or how to donate contact Manna's Terri Abrahams at 301-424-1130. ■



Students participate in one of the many community service projects the Achievers program offers, making the transition to high school easier.

Achievers Program

The transition from middle to high school can be a turbulent time in a young person's life. In some situations, popular kids go from being the big fish in the little pond to the little fish in a big pond. Others who were not popular in middle school work even harder to gain acceptance with older kids. Some may be exposed to drugs and alcohol for the first time.

No matter the transition issue, many teens can use a helping hand during this time – even if they don't recognize it.

Achievers, a program of the City of Rockville, works to prepare middle school students for successful transition into high school with a four pronged approach:

- Social Skills Training (empathy, problem solving and emotion management)
- Leadership and Community Involvement (quarterly community service projects)
- Job Readiness (earn credit toward Recreation and Parks activities through participation in the program)
- Academic Encouragement (study skills training, homework assistance and career exploration)

"These activities are done in a fun and interactive environment that includes hands-on opportunities," said Cynthia Bangali, program coordinator. "Just last year our participants attended a guided tour of Montgomery College and engaged in a lab project sponsored by J. Craig Venter Institute."

The Achievers Program is currently offered at the King Farm Community Center on Tuesdays, and the Lincoln Park Community Center on Wednesdays. The program is free and open to any middle school student.

For more information contact Cynthia Bangali at 240-314-8317. ■

Mentors Lead the Way for Expansion

City Mentoring Program So Successful, Two More Schools Join

For 13 years, the City of Rockville has partnered with College Gardens Elementary School to conduct a successful mentoring program, managed by Community Services.

The mentoring program gives adults and high school students a chance to work one-on-one with elementary school students and help them develop their academic and social skills. Mentors are matched with students who share general interests and strengths.

The success of the program has led to an expansion that was organized by Community Services Program Coordinator Cynthia Bangali. This year the mentoring program also is being held at Beall Elementary and Ritchie Park Elementary.

"We wanted to give other Rockville children the opportunity to bond with a mentor the way our students at College Gardens did," said Bangali. "The program has been so successful there that the logical next step was to expand

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— Cynthia Bangali,
Community Services Program Coordinator

to other schools."

The program is designed to improve the self esteem and confidence of the students, to motivate them academically and in other avenues,

assist them with problem solving and teach life skills. Some adult participants volunteer year after year, forming an even stronger bond.

"Watching a student mature as he/she begins to put the pieces together and to become more independent is what it is all about," said Sarah Gicale, a program analyst for the City of Rockville. Gicale has been a mentor to the same child for a number of years and agreed that mentoring is a great way to support a youth and give back to the community.

Mentors meet with their mentees during the school year; no meetings are held during holidays and school breaks. Mentors help their students with homework, play games or sports, talk and more. All volunteers are screened and receive training for additional support. For more information, or to volunteer for the program, contact Cynthia Bangali at 240-314-8317 or cbangali@rockvillemd.gov. ■

In Need of Help?

☐ **YES, please provide me information on the following topics:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Basic Needs
Food, furniture and clothing resources. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rockville Emergency Assistance Program
Assistance for residents in financial crisis. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Classes
Classes in and around Rockville. | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Immigrants
Agencies assisting immigrants. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care
Sites for adult and child health care. | <input type="checkbox"/> Children
Child care, health care, and recreation programs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing
Low-cost housing resources. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rockville Seniors
Transportation, wellness, financial assistance, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resources
Consumer, housing and personal representation. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rockville Recreation Fund
Financial assistance for recreation programs. |

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20 Courthouse Square, Suite #205, Rockville, MD 20850 • Get it Faster: 240-314-8310

Want to Help?

Donating money is a thoughtful way to offer assistance for those in need, but for many organizations, time is just as valuable. Check out the listing of Caregiver agencies in this insert for interesting ideas about how to donate your time or money. With just a few extra hours to spare, you could make a lasting difference in your community. Call 240-314-8310 for additional information. ■



Human Services Advisory Commission

The City of Rockville works with many boards and commissions that assist with group-specific issues on an ongoing basis. The Human Services Advisory Commission is committed to making the City's many services available to all residents.

Council Liaison: Anne Robbins
Members: Sarah Duffy, Chair; Kimberly A. Dawkins and David L'Heureux, Consumer Representatives; M. Thomas Lawrey, Sarah Mahin and Agnes Saenz, Caregiver Representatives; Shari Cohen, Cynthia L. Cotte Griffiths, Tim Stranges and Eric Kuohwa Wang, At-Large Representatives; Mary Lou Jacobs, Staff Liaison

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Rockville's Caregiving Agencies

Milestones: Celebrating Achievements in Giving



This special insert of Rockville Reports highlights many local "Caregiver" agencies, focusing on just a few of the many non-profit programs and services that support members of our community. There is contact information provided for individual programs, services or centers throughout the "Caregivers" insert, but for general information, contact the City's Community Services Division at 240-314-8310, or stop by its offices at 20 Courthouse Square, Suite 205 in downtown Rockville.

Milestones: Celebrating Achievements in Giving

Each year, the City of Rockville highlights local programs and individuals that work to support those residents who are less fortunate. During this holiday season, the Caregivers insert to *Rockville Reports* highlights some notable milestones these agencies and programs have achieved. Working with the City's Community Services Division, the non-profit agencies and programs that are featured on pages 2-3 of this insert, touch the lives of countless members of the community, often with few resources. Their work does not go unnoticed.



The City's new Holiday Drive signage is displayed on City vehicles traveling throughout Rockville. Their presence is a visual reminder to donate during this year's Holiday Drive.

Holiday Drive Advertising Goes Mobile Building on 30 Years of Tradition, City Vehicles Display Signs to Promote Holiday Donations

With the need greater than ever, the City of Rockville unveiled magnetic signs that will be placed on many City vehicles throughout the holiday season to encourage participation in the 2007 Holiday Drive.

For more than 30 years, the City of Rockville has operated an annual Holiday Drive to distribute food baskets and new toys to needy Rockville families. The Holiday Drive has already made a difference in thousands of lives over the past three decades, and the City needs help to ensure its mission of giving is met.

One difference in this year's Holiday Drive is the provision of gift cards for children instead of actual toys. Because of the numerous toy recalls throughout the year, the City decided to limit its holiday charity in December to distributing donated gift cards so that families can choose toys on their own. Gift cards are still needed to make the holidays complete for hundreds of Rockville families.

Last winter, the Holiday Drive distributed toys or gift certificates to parents of more than 1,000 children who would otherwise not have received gifts.

"Last year, we served more households than ever before and we're expecting a similar number of

people that need help again this year," said Mary Lou Jacobs, Rockville's Community Services Manager. "We are so grateful for the efforts of the many local organizations that we partner with to make the drive a success. Together with the many individuals who make donations, or volunteer their time, we are confident that we can help make the holidays better for many families."

And with the new signs on City vehicles to promote the Holiday Drive, Jacobs is hoping to reach out more than ever.

"This is the first time the City has ever promoted the Holiday Drive like this," Jacobs said. "With this extra attention, we are hoping that people take notice. There are City vehicles that travel all over Rockville. People may not notice them ordinarily, but with these holiday signs, we are hoping they will."

In addition to gift cards, monetary donations are needed. Checks made out to "The Rockville Holiday Drive Fund" can be mailed to: Community Services Division, Attn: Rockville Holiday Drive, 20 Courthouse Square, Suite 205, Rockville Md., 20850.

For more information about the Rockville Holiday Drive, call 240-314-8310. ■



Alfred Thompson, City of Rockville Community Services Referral Coordinator, and Monica Mendoza, REAP Director for Community Ministries of Rockville, celebrate a 25-year partnership in providing emergency assistance to Rockville residents.

Milestones at a Glance Recognizing the Caregivers that Never Stop Giving

- **Happy 100th Anniversary** in 2008 to the **Family Services Agency**, 610 East Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. This agency works with Rockville mothers and infants through its Healthy Families Montgomery Program and provides counseling services for children through the Linkages to Learning Program at Maryvale Elementary School.
- **Community Ministries of Montgomery County** (to be renamed INTERFAITH WORKS in January) celebrates 35 years of service to low income and homeless individuals and families throughout the County.
- **The Korean Community Service Center** celebrated its 33rd annual fundraising banquet this year to support its mission of helping Korean residents with a myriad of services.
- **Top Banana Home Delivered Groceries** recently celebrated 25 years of service to seniors and people with disabilities. Since 1982, the user-friendly shopping and delivery service has helped more than 8,300 metro-area residents to live healthier, more independent lives.
- **Manna Food Center** celebrates its 25th anniversary next year. Since 1983, Manna has distributed 28 million pounds of food to 1.8 million county residents in need.
- **Elderly Ministries** celebrates its 25th anniversary next year. A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, Elderly Ministries helps seniors living in Rockville and those with disabilities with in-home support services, home repair, case management and more.
- **Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)** celebrates a 25-year partnership between Community Ministries of Rockville and the City of Rockville. In 25 years of service, REAP has served more than 13,500 individuals with direct financial assistance to avoid evictions, utility cut offs and prescription help. More than 18,665 referrals have been made to food banks, clothing centers, eye and dental clinics. REAP has disbursed \$1,485,761 in direct financial assistance to clients.
- **Chase Partnership House** celebrates 20 years. A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, in 20 years of service, Chase has served more than 2,100 individuals and provided more than 253,380 bednights to men needing shelter and supportive services.
- **Jefferson House** celebrates 15 years. A program of Community Ministries of Rockville, Jefferson House has served 115 individuals and provided 31,581 bednights.
- **Hope Housing** celebrates five years. Community Ministries of Rockville operates three permanent supportive houses that are part of the Hope Housing program. In five years of service, Hope Housing has served 96 individuals and provided 27,305 bednights.

"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege."

— John D. Rockefeller, Jr.